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MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution

SUBJECT : Briefing on Compass Link

REFERENCE : Memorandum for the Record: "Meeting on Compass Link Distortion Project", 19 August 1970 (attached)

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1. A briefing will be given by DIAAP-1C in the Beige Room on 17 September 1970 at 1000. The briefing will cover the current status of Compass Link plus planned revisions, see reference memorandum for implications. The briefers will be [redacted]

[redacted] DIAAP-1U. The Director, NPIC will attend the meeting.

2. The quota of attendees for each component consists of:

NPIC/ODIR	3
IEG	6
PPBS	3
PSG	5
TSG	6

[redacted]
RED/RSB/TSG

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1. [redacted] and myself met with [redacted] DIAAP-1C, at the Pomponio Plaza in Rosslyn. The purpose of the meeting was introductory in nature and concerned the transmission of geometric patterns via Compass Link system. The reasons NPIC is interested in the distortion characteristics of transmitted imagery are two-fold: 1) to understand mensuration exploitation accuracies in the event the Center is required to analyze imagery received over the current link system, and 2) to gain an appreciation of the geometric characteristics of an improved Compass Link now being implemented, as well as the implied ramifications of imagery transmitted via future satellite real-time systems.

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2. It was learned that all their Briefing Aids, and technical publications dealing with specifications, are undergoing revision and will not be updated for approximately two weeks. It was therefore suggested by [redacted] that a briefing be held at NPIC sometime in September. We agreed to such a briefing.

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3. Interested NPIC personnel are encouraged to attend the briefing because, according to [redacted] it is intended to dispense additional satellites in synchronous orbit for world-wide transmission, implying a transmission capability from other places besides the Vietnam theatre. The impact to the Center could be significant in terms of exploitation response. Additionally, as alluded to above, there is also the technological similarity with real-time satellite transmissions.

4. You will be informed when and where the meeting will take place, and it will then be determined who will attend.

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